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IO/EX/IR FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND AND APPOINTMENT OF
BILLINGSLEY IN ESCAP. WHILE DEPT. INTERESTED IN HOLDING ONE
DIVISION CHIEF POST IN ESCAP, WE ARE REMINDED OF MARAMIS'
STRONG EMPHASIS TO US THAT SUCH POSTS WOULD BE RESERVED FOR
ASIANS, AND WE WOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO QUESTION THAT HE
OR JAPANESE WILL RELEASE THIS POST. USDA SUPPORTS
QUALIFICATIONS OF BILLINGSLEY FOR DIVISION CHIEF AND IN
VIEW OF OUR RANGE IN FAO, WOULD LIKE US IN ESCAP AGRICULTURE
D-1 SLOT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF OUR STRONG PUSH TO NEW DG OF
FAO FOR SENIOR POSTS IN ROME, BELIEVE BEST APPROACH TO
MARAMIS IS ON BASIS OF QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATE RATHER
THAN TRYING TO ASSURE THE JOB ITSELF FOR US. SUGGEST
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INFORMAL TALK WITH MARAMIS POINTING OUT WELL QUALIFIED

AMERICAN ON SCENE AND OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN SENIOR POST
IN ESCAP. APPRECIATE FEEDBACK ON REACTION OF MARAMIS. KISSINGER

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